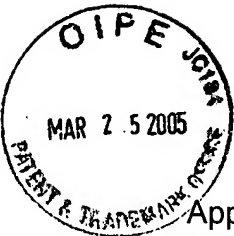


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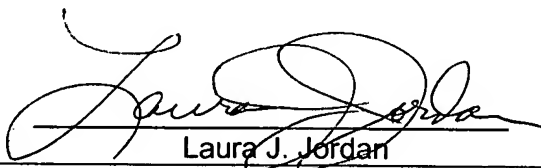
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION - RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.143**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the 4 March 2005 restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121,  
Applicant elects the apparatus claims 1-13 found in Examiner's designated Group I  
Please cancel claims 14 and 15, without traverse.

The above response to restriction requirement should place the application in condition for an initial substantive examination of the remaining claims 1-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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